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Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Rolling Hills Bank and Trust for their many years of dedicated and devoted service to their customers. It is with great pride that I recognize them today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in applauding their accomplishments and in wishing them all nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING MR. DARRELL
SUPAK

HON. JOHN J. FASO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today to recognize the illustrious career of Mr. Darrell Supak on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Supak is retiring after twenty-five years of exemplary service to Granite Associates, LP in Liberty, New York.

I cherish the commitment of those distinct individuals who have tirelessly devoted themselves to their community, and Mr. Supak is no exception. Mr. Supak exemplifies compassion and leadership as a dedicated man of faith, an advocate for the arts, and a fierce defender of health care. A valued member of his community, Mr. Supak's regular involvement with numerous organizations and projects to further the causes he believes in, as well as to safeguard the wellbeing of his friends and neighbors, has set a high standard for others to follow.

As a graduate of Texas A&M University's ROTC program and a retired U.S. Army Colonel, Mr. Supak is a fervent patriot, actively committed to supporting his fellow veterans. I am fortunate to have him, a man of great wisdom and experience, as a longtime member of our Congressional District's U.S. service academy panel.

A true testament to his steadfast loyalty to country and community, Mr. Supak has received countless civil and military awards and decorations, including the prestigious Walter A. Rhulen Award for Business, Community and Humanity from the Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development.

Mr. Supak's legacy of hard work and philanthropy is a source of inspiration, instilling the values of determination, confidence, and civility in his community. I am grateful for Mr. Supak's years of dedicated service to the 19th District and to New York state. I wish Mr. Supak continued happiness as he embarks on this new chapter, and I am confident that even in retirement he will continue to be actively involved in service to our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF OFFICER FREDDIE
CRAWFORD

HON. CHARLIE CRIST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Mr. CRIST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and public service of retired St.

Petersburg Police Officer Freddie Crawford, one of the "Courageous 12," who put his career and life on the line in the fight against discrimination and segregation.

The Courageous 12 were the first African Americans employed by the St. Petersburg Police Department, who bravely served the residents of the city for many years. In the face of constant threats in the field and discrimination within their department, these 12 officers withstood both professional and physical risk to keep the peace and ensure equality and justice in their communities.

In the early 1960s, Officer Crawford and his fellow black police officers serving on St. Petersburg's police force were only permitted to police black neighborhoods. The segregation of authority even went so far as to mark patrol cars with a 'C' for "colored" to designate that it was a black officer inside. Officer Crawford and his colleagues attempted to express their grievances to the Chief of Police on multiple occasions, only to be ignored and swept aside. After persevering through years of segregation in both his civilian and professional life, Officer Crawford and his colleagues in the Courageous 12 took their fight to the judicial system. Despite the personal and professional risk, Officer Crawford and his fellow officers sued the city of St. Petersburg in 1965.

Baker vs. the City of St. Petersburg did not initially receive a favorable ruling for the Courageous 12. But in 1968, a federal appeals court overturned the decision. In one year's time, Officer Crawford was patrolling a primarily white area in North-East St. Petersburg. The monumental efforts by Officer Crawford and his colleagues would inspire black officers in nearby areas, creating a domino effect of positive change in communities throughout the Tampa Bay region.

Even after retiring from the St. Petersburg Police Department, Freddie Crawford continued his efforts to address and eradicate segregation. He went to work for the Community Relations Services division at the U.S. Department of Justice where he used his experience with conflict resolution to resolve racial tensions in various communities across the country.

Mr. Speaker, please join me once again in commemorating Officer Freddie Crawford's life, and thanking him for his contribution to the cause of justice. He leaves behind a legacy of tireless dedication to equality and serves as an inspiration to the city of St. Petersburg and to our country.

TRIBUTE TO REGGIE GREENE

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Reginald Greene, a longtime and outstanding staffer for the Committee on Ways and Means, who passed away on December 11, 2017.

Known around the halls of the Ways and Means Committee as simply "Reggie," for four decades he held job titles ranging from staff assistant to documents clerk. But around the committee he was really Mr. Everything. He could make out-of-print documents appear out of thin air, and whether it was manning the

doors, handling special requests, or enforcing committee procedures, you name it, Reggie did it.

No one was fiercer than Reggie in protecting our committee and making sure that everyone respected its rules and procedures. Reggie never condoned sloppiness and always frowned on carelessness. He could be stern with staff—and more than a few Members—if they strayed from the rules. And he could silence disorderly conduct in our hearing room with a single look. So much so that you might think that the Ways and Means hearing room was really Reggie's hearing room—and you would be right. There he was both respected and feared by staff, lobbyists, and even Members when they entered his domain. Any photographer who stayed too long, or Member or staffer who dared to cross the dais without proper attire, or drink from a can of soda with the logo visible to the cameras—a little-known violation of our committee's rules—would soon hear about it.

But underneath his outer tough-guy demeanor, Reggie was also a friendly and warm soul with a generous laugh. He would always encourage children visiting the committee hearing room to sit in the chairman's chair for a once-in-a-lifetime photo opportunity. Reggie had so many friends on the Hill, and he created a network of relationships to get our work done. He always had a kind word or joke at the ready when you needed it. His humor was dry, and legendary. If you asked him if he needed anything, he would say "a million bucks and a hot tub for my office." At times like this, if you asked him when he thought Congress would complete its work for the year, he would say "not soon enough."

More than anything, Reggie's career celebrated his deep love for the Ways and Means Committee, its traditions, and its enormous responsibilities to the American people. That is a love he surely inherited from his father, who preceded him on the committee staff. And like the proud grandfather he was at home, Reggie also prided himself on helping raise the next generation of staffers to share in and carry on his profound respect for the committee. Whether through a gentle tug on the elbow or a low whisper, young staffers might get that day's lesson in committee decorum, history, or tradition.

On behalf of the entire Committee on Ways and Means, I offer our sincerest condolences to the Greene family on Reggie's passing. And I thank them for sharing Reggie with us for so many years of outstanding service to the committee, its Members, and our great country.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily

Digest will prepare this information for on Monday and Wednesday of each Meetings scheduled for Thursday, December 21, 2017 may be found in the printing in the Extensions of Remarks week. section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD Daily Digest of today's RECORD.